

# **CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009**

## **CALIFORNIA TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM**

### **DRAFT Highlights from Meeting, May 8, 2009, in Sacramento**

The sixth meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team took place in Sacramento on May 8, 2009. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) make key decisions about how to proceed with the Summit budget, sponsorship, timeline, and conference planning, (2) choose the five umbrella topics that will be discussed at the Summit, and (3) identify the process for developing white papers for each topic, including who will draft them.

#### **Water Plan Budget Review, including Tribal Budget**

Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager for Statewide Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources, reviewed the Water Plan budget with the Planning Team, including the Tribal portion, and confirmed that at the present time, DWR would be able to commit funds for the Summit Planning meetings and \$10,000 for the event's venue. Funds that had been previously set aside for the Summit through bonds have been frozen until the next year. DWR expects to have a better sense of what funds are available on July 1st, predicated on the results of the May 19 Special Election. Kamyar emphasized DWR's support for the Summit and its planning process, and expressed a commitment to covering around half of the total Summit costs (approximately \$35,000 to \$50,000) if funds become available later this year.

#### **Summit Date**

Planning Team members saw the value in postponing the current Summit dates, and agreed to set a new date at their June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Despite the postponement, the monthly Planning Team meetings will continue. The proceedings from the Summit will still be included in the California Water Plan Update 2009.

#### **Fiscal Agent**

The group agreed to appoint North Fork Mono Tribe (Tribal non-profit public charity) as the fiscal agent to hold donated funds at a 5% fee for administrative costs.

#### **Conference Planning**

The group concluded the scope of work for conference planning needs to be further defined. A table will be drafted that identifies what items DWR can complete in-house or contract for, and what items must be covered by a conference planner.

#### **Background Briefing Papers**

A Planning Team member offered her law firm's assistance in preparing background papers, as well as help with the editing, given that they specialize in Tribal legal work.

#### **Next Steps**

In preparation the next meeting, Dorian asked Planning Team members to identify where they might combine topics for their selection of the four or five Summit themes.